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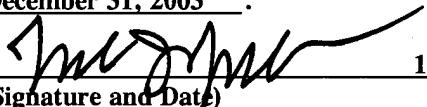
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Helmut SCHMETZER  
Serial No. : 10/616,651  
Filed : July 9, 2003  
For : METHOD FOR STRAPPING AND ESPECIALLY FOR  
LONGITUDINALLY STRAPPING PACKAGED MATERIAL  
WITH A STRAP  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: